



Agency Administrators: Tenure

Secretary Califano created the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) on March 8, 1977. Secretary Thompson renamed HCFA to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 14, 2001.

Note: Administrators are in all caps, those who were acting as Administrator are noted. Administrator Tenure

Administrator	Tenure
Don Wortman, Acting	3/77–4/77
ROBERT DERZON	6/77–11/78
LEONARD SCHAEFFER	11/78–6/80
Earl Collier, Acting	6/80–7/80
HOWARD NEWMAN	7/80–1/81
Paul Willging, Acting	1/81–3/81
CAROLYN K. DAVIS	3/81–8/85
C. McClain Haddow, Acting	8/85–1/86
Henry F. Desmarais, Acting	2/86–5/86
WILLIAM L. ROPER, M.D.	5/86–2/89
Terry Coleman, Acting	2/89–3/89
Louis Hays, Acting	3/89–2/90
GAIL R. WILENSKY, PH.D.	2/90–3/92
J. Michael Hudson, Acting	3/92–4/92
William Toby, Acting	4/92–5/93
BRUCE C. VLADECK	5/93–9/97
Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Acting	9/97–11/97
NANCY-ANN MIN DEPARLE	11/97–9/29/00
Michael M. Hash, Acting	9/30/00–12/15/00
Robert A. Berenson, M.D., Acting Deputy	12/16/00–1/19/01

Michael McMullan, Acting Deputy	01/20/01– 05/28/01
<u>THOMAS A. SCULLY</u>	05/29/01– 12/15/03
Leslie Norwalk, Acting Deputy	01/03– PRESENT
<u>MARK B. MCCLELLAN, M.D., PH.D.</u>	03/25/04– PRESENT

Administrator Biographies

Robert A. Derzon was the first HCFA Administrator from 1977–1978. Before that, he was the first deputy commissioner of hospitals for the city of New York.

Leonard D. Schaeffer served as HCFA Administrator from 1978–1980. Schaeffer also served as Assistant Secretary of Management and Budget at the Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Health, Education and Welfare).

Howard N. Newman served as HCFA Administrator from 1980–1981. He was the first President of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and Commissioner of the Medical Services Administration in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Carolyn K. Davis served as HCFA Administrator from 1981–1985. Before becoming HCFA Administrator, she was Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan, where she also served as Dean of the School of Nursing.

William Roper served as HCFA Administrator from 1986–1989. Roper headed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 1990–1993. He also served as Deputy Assistant for Domestic Policy in the Bush Administration and as a White House policy fellow in the Reagan Administration.

Gail Wilensky served as HCFA Administrator from 1990–1992. She was chair of the Physician Payment Review Commission, and she was a deputy assistant to the President for policy development in the White House under President George H. W. Bush.

Bruce Vladeck served as HCFA Administrator from 1992–1997. He has also served on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission and numerous other boards and commissions at the national, State, and local levels.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle served as Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) from November 1997 until October 2000. She was also a key health policy advisor to President Clinton and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala. Before joining HHS, DeParle served as Associate Director for Health and Personnel at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), where she oversaw budget and policy matters relating to all Federal health programs.

Thomas A. Scully was sworn in as the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in May 2001. Scully served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of American Hospitals from 1995–2001. He worked at the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Counselor to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) from 1992–1993, and as Associate Director of OMB for Human Resources, Veterans and Labor from 1989–1992. . He also worked on Capitol Hill from 1981 to 1985 as staff assistant to U.S. Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA).

Dr. Mark B. McClellan, who a leading Washington pundit says is “widely regarded as one of the most effective of all Bush appointees,” brings a wealth of practical and in-depth experience to his role overseeing Medicare and Medicaid, the programs which provide essential health care services to more than 90 million Americans. A physician and award-winning health care economist, Dr. McClellan was sworn in as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on March 25, 2004, following Senate confirmation by unanimous voice vote. As Administrator, Dr. McClellan has led CMS toward a new focus on quality, bringing modern preventive health care to those in Medicare and Medicaid. Under Dr. McClellan’s leadership, CMS is implementing Medicare’s new prescription drug coverage, which delivers a key aspect of modern medicine to America’s seniors and people with a disability. Dr. McClellan is also leading the effort to bring a community care focus to Medicaid, so those who need help can get it closest to home. Before coming to CMS, Dr. McClellan served as Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration from Nov. 2002 to March 2004. During 2001 and 2002, Dr. McClellan served in the White House as a Member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers, where he advised on domestic economic issues and was a senior policy

director for health care and related economic issues. From 1998-99, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy, where he supervised economic analysis and policy development on a wide range of domestic policy issues. Previously, Dr. McClellan was Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University and Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford Medical School. At the medical school, he was Director of the Program on Health Outcomes Research. He was also a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. Dr. McClellan's award-winning research studies focus on the quality of health care, treatment decisions and health outcomes, the effects of medical treatments and technological change, among other subjects. He earned his M.D. degree from the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology and his Ph.D in Economics from MIT. A board-certified Internal Medicine physician, Dr. McClellan completed his residency training in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and he is a Member of the Institute of Medicine.